

IN THE CLAIMS

All pending claims are reproduced below. Please amend claims 1, 3-5, 8-13 and 15-18 as indicated herein. Please cancel claim 2. Please add new claims 19 and 20.

1. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:
~~a tangible personal digital key including a first wireless transceiver;~~
~~a device coupled to the personal digital key via a wireless network, the device including a~~
~~second wireless transceiver that receives data from the personal digital key and a~~
~~reader/decoder circuit that transmits data received from the tangible personal digital key~~
~~to a provider, the device receiving data from the provider and authenticating the data~~
~~received from when authenticated by the personal digital key.~~
2. (Canceled).
3. (Currently Amended) The system of claim [[2]] 1, wherein the device comprises further comprising a computer with a computer hard drive ~~and, wherein~~ the reader/decoder circuit is located in the computer hard drive.
4. (Currently Amended) The system of claim [[2]] 1, wherein the device comprises further comprising a swipe unit ~~and, wherein~~ the reader/decoder circuit is located in the swipe unit.
5. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising a second personal digital key wherein the second digital key also authenticates a user attempting to access the ~~device computer readable medium~~.
6. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the personal digital key is a tangible article.
7. (Original) The system of claim 3, wherein the reader/decoder circuit is integrated with the computer.
8. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 3, wherein the computer comprises a personal digital key (PDK)-hard drive.

9. (Currently Amended) The system of claim [[3]] 1, wherein the device comprises a computer including a hard drive and wherein the reader/decoder circuit comprises a circuit board coupled to the hard drive ~~further comprises a reader/decoder circuit card.~~

10. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 3, wherein the wireless network is a secure radio frequency (RF) link between the computer and ~~data from~~ the personal digital key transfers and receives ~~data through a secure RF port on the computer.~~

11. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 3 wherein the computer transmits and receives data from [[a]] the provider through an Internet connection.

12. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 3, wherein the provider includes ~~further comprising~~ a database, wherein the database includes an account identifier and a personal digital key identifier.

13. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 3, wherein the provider authenticates the data received from the personal key data transmitted by the personal digital key to the computer is authenticated by personal digital key data stored in the database.

14. (Original) The system of claim 4 wherein the swipe unit transfers and receives data from a provider through an Internet connection.

15. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 4 wherein ~~wherein~~ data transmitted by the personal digital key to the reader is authenticated by personal digital key data stored in the database.

16. (Currently Amended) A method for securing computer readable media from unauthorized access, comprising:

storing an account associated with a user in a secure user account database, the account including user-specific data and the account database included in a key provider;
Providing providing a tangible, personal digital key to a user, wherein the personal digital key [[is]] stores information unique to the user;
and,
receiving, at the key provider, a request from a content provider to verify an activation code
received from the personal digital key by the content provider;

accessing the account associated with the user in the secure account database based on the activation code received from the personal digital key; and
responsive to the activation code received from the personal digital key matching a subset of the user-specific data in the account associated with the user, authenticating the user to access content from the content provider.

Authenticating the user if the information relayed from the personal digital key matches identification data separately provided.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16, wherein the user-specific data comprises identification data is data from a credit card.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16 wherein the content provider receives the activation code from the personal digital key the personal digital key transmits the unique information through a wireless link.

19. (New) A computer-implemented method for purchasing a product comprising:
receiving data from a tangible personal digital key associated with a user;
receiving an account number associated with the user;
identifying an account record associated with the user stored in a provider database using the account number; and
responsive to the data from the tangible personal digital key matching data included in the identified account record, completing a transaction for purchasing the product.

20. (New) The computer-implemented method of claim 19, wherein the account number comprises data from a credit card.